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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Mary Chinn for receiving the "2015 Rural Physician of Excellence Award" from the Illinois Rural Health Association; and

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WHEREAS, One of the biggest healthcare challenges across our nation is the shortage of physicians who practice in rural settings; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Chinn graduated from the University of Illinois Medical School in Champaign in 1993; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Chinn went on to complete her residency at Union Hospital in Terre Haute, Indiana; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Chinn is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Chinn started her medical practice in Mendota in 1996; and

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WHEREAS, When the local hospital discontinued their Obstetric Department, Dr. Chinn received obstetrical privileges at a hospital 20 miles away so patients in her

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1 community, many of whom would have difficulty traveling, could
2 continue to receive care locally; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Chinn has a special place in her heart for
4 teenage moms; she has even gone so far as to help them study so
5 they will stay in school and graduate and even collects an
6 array of baby items in her office to offer to those in need;
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8 WHEREAS, Dr. Chinn provides a great service to growing
9 families and is the only physician in the area to offer
10 childhood immunizations; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Chinn also is very compassionate with her
12 older patients, even performing house calls and comforting
13 their families at visitations after their passing; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Chinn is a mentor to students going into the
15 medical field and often has student observers and residents,
16 whom she encourages to practice in rural areas; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Chinn's talents are not limited to the medical
18 field; she has a flair for fashion and is a featured model in
19 the Illinois Hospice Style Show every year; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 thank Dr. Chinn for the selfless service she has provided the
3 residents of Mendota for the past 20 years and the impact she
4 has made on multiple generations of its residents; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Dr. Chinn as a symbol of our respect and esteem.